



EMPLOYEE BULLETIN

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EMPLOYEE SURVEY ON VAN POOLING

1. This country is facing the most serious energy crisis in its history. One of the most effective means of dealing with part of this crisis is through the Share-A-Ride Program commonly known as van pooling. Simply stated, a van pool is a group of 10 to 15 persons who share a vehicle from home to work and return each day. There is a driver-coordinator and an alternate to drive the vehicle, set up routes, and collect fees. The advantages of van pooling are many--preferred parking, economical transportation, exemption from the odd-even gasoline purchasing plan, high priority in the event of gasoline rationing, and relief from the everyday hassles of driving. Additional advantages to the driver-coordinator would be free transportation to and from work (dependent upon the method of obtaining the van) and use of the vehicle at night and on weekends at minimal cost. In addition, each van pool has the potential of removing as many as 14 vehicles from the highway. This action would result in a significant reduction of fuel consumed as well as reducing pollution and decreasing traffic congestion, especially during rush hours.

2. Purchasing a van requires an investment of personal funds, although the Credit Union normally finances 100% of the purchase price up to \$15,000. Direct leasing, on the other hand, would require only a bond. A non-profit organization located in the State of Maryland, established with Federal funds, leases vehicles for van pooling. (This company is not authorized to operate in the Commonwealth of Virginia.) They provide the van, arrange for insurance and special licenses that might be required, and normally will enter into a leasing agreement allowing termination in 30 days. There is no investment of funds required by members of the van pool.

3. Although there is no leasing company currently established in Virginia, a strong response from Virginia residents would provide sufficient incentive to approach state and local officials to encourage their support. Before proceeding further, we must determine the degree of employee interest in such a program.

4. Certain covert employees may be prevented from becoming members of a van pool if they are required to place their names on a roster of van pool participants. Further, they may not be able to participate in van pools if their identity with an organization or a destination is incompatible with their cover.

5. If you are interested in participating in van pooling (including residents of Maryland and the District of Columbia), please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to Room 1J45 Headquarters Building before 19 October 1979. You may call extension if any questions arise.

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Attachment

DISTRIBUTION: ALL EMPLOYEES

COMMUTER VAN POOL QUESTIONNAIRE

I am interested in becoming a member of a Commuter Van Pool.

I would like to be a (circle one) Driver Passenger Either

1. Name _____
2. Badge No. _____
3. Building _____
4. Extension _____
- *5. Home Address (to include County of Residence) _____

6. Duty Hours: Start Work _____ Leave Work _____
7. Are you under cover ? (circle one) Yes No

*If you have access to the Office of Personnel's car pool grid map,
please indicate grid.